

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 24 have been amended. Claims 5 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fahraeus (U.S. Patent No. 6,502,756; hereinafter "Fahraeus"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth "incorporating the one or more edits into an electronic version of the hardcopy representation." In contrast, Fahraeus fails to disclose at least the above limitation.

Fahraeus discloses a system for ordering dishes in a restaurant. A waiter or a customer is provided with a pen and a menu on paper (such as the one shown in Figure 9 of Fahraeus). To order a dish, the waiter or the customer notes the number of the dish desired on the menu. The number is recorded digitally by the pen and is transferred to the kitchen. The customer keeps the menu with the notes about the order. (Fahraeus, col. 19, ln. 58-67). The Office Action analogized the menu to be the hardcopy representation of an electronic application. However, Fahraeus merely discloses noting the number of dishes to be ordered, recording and transferring such information to the kitchen. Fahraeus does not disclose incorporating the number of dishes noted by the customer into an electronic version of the menu. In fact, it would not have been practical for the restaurant to allow every customer to edit the menu. Therefore, Fahraeus does not disclose incorporating the edits made to an electronic version of the hardcopy representation. For at least this reason, Fahraeus does not anticipate claim 1 as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 24 as amended are not anticipated by Fahraeus for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-16, and 18-23 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1 and 14, respectively. Thus, having additional limitations, claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-16, and 18-23 are not anticipated by Fahraeus for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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